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BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

4. SADAT RAISED WITH ZAYID QUESTION ABOUT OIL EMBARGO AGAINST US.

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SAID THAT EGYPT WAS NOT MAJOR PRODUCER AND THEREFORE, DECISION  
RESCIND BAN RESTED WITH LEADERS SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, UAE AND QATAR.

HOWEVER, HE FELT OBLIGED TO ADVISE ZAYID THAT GIVEN CURRENT CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF US, HE SAW NO VALID REASON IN INTERESTS OF ARABS FOR CONTINUING EMBARGO AND THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED IT BE LIFTED AS SOON AS DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED ON BOTH EGYPTIAN AS WELL AS SYRIAN FRONTS. ZAYID APPARENTLY PRESSED SADAT TO CLARIFY THAT HE WAS RECOMMENDING EMBARGO BE LIFTED ONLY AFTER DISENGAGEMENT ACCOMPLISHED ON SYRIAN AS WELL AS EGYPTIAN FRONTS. SADAT REASSURED ZAYID THAT THIS WAS MEANING OF HIS RECOMMENDATION, I.E. BLACKLISTING OF US (HOLLAND NOT MENTIONED) SHOULD END AFTER DISENGAGEMENT TAKES PLACE ON SYRIAN FRONT. ZAYID MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT TO THIS STATING ONLY THAT UAEG WOULD STUDY RECOMMENDATION AND THEN CONSULT WITH OTHER MAJOR ARAB PRODUCERS.

5. MURTADA MENTIONED REPEATEDLY THAT SADAT VERY CRITICAL OF SOVIET UNION. ZAYID WAS INFORMED THAT SINCE OCT 6, SOVIETS HAVE NOT SUPPLIED EGYPT DIRECTLY WITH ANY RPT ANY AIR CRAFT. PLANES THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED SINCE WAR BEGAN HAVE COME FROM FRIENDLY ARAB STATES, WHO HANDLED PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS. SYRIANS, SADAT SAID, WERE BEING SUPPLIED WITH MUCH MORE MIL EQUIPMENT NOW BY RUSSIA THAN EGYPT WAS. HE ACCUSED SOVS OF PLAYING USUAL TREACHEROUSLY DANGEROUS GAME OF DIVIDING ARAB STATES; RUSSIANS TRYING DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN SYRIANS AND EGYPTIANS. SADAT REVEALED THAT STATE OF EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS REACHED SUCH A LOW POINT RECENTLY, AND HE PERSONALLY SO DISGUSTED WITH SOVS, THAT HE CONSIDERED BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH USSR. HOWEVER, ON REFLECTION IN CALMER MOMENT, HE DECIDED BREAK WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO EGYPT'S LONG-TERM INTERESTS. HE DID TELL ZAYID THAT FM FAHMY BEING DESPATCHED TO MOSCOW TO EXPRESS HIS PROFOUND DISSATISFACTION WITH SOV POLICY.

6. A. RE JORDANIAN ASPECT OF STATEMENT, MURTADA SAID SUBJECT BRIEFLY DISCUSSED. SADAT TOLD ZAYID THAT HUSSAIN WAS OPPOSING SEPARATE REPRESENTATION FOR THE PALESTINIANS, BUT HE DID NOT AGREE WITH JORDANIAN MONARCH THAT PALESTINIANS, IN ORDER TO BE REPRESENTED POLITICALLY AT GENEVA, HAD TO BE INCORPORATED IN JORDANIAN DELEGATION. B. AS FOR NEXT STEP IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS, SADAT SAID THAT MAJOR EMPHASIS NOW WILL BE ON COMPLETING CEASE-FIRE TERMS BY BRINGING ABOUT DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES ON SYRIAN FRONT. ONCE THAT DONE, EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND PALESTINIAN REPS WOULD CONVENE AT GENEVA TO COORDINATE STRATEGY

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FOR SERIOUS POLITICAL TALKS WITH ISRAELIS.

7. SADAT TOUCHED BRIEFLY WITH ZAYID ON RECENTLY ANNOUNCED UNIFICATION

SCHEME BETWEEN LIBYA AND TUNISIA. SADAT COMMENTED FRANKLY THAT AGREEMENT HAS NO PRACTICAL MEANING, THEREFORE, CAN BE CONSIDERED WORTHLESS. BEST EVIDENCE OF THIS IS BACKSLIDING OF GOT WHICH BEGAN WITHIN ONE DAY OF AGREEMENT. SADAT REVEALED ALSO THAT EVEN BEFORE INK DRY GOL APPROACHED EGYPT TO NEGOTIATE NEW UNITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. NONE OF THESE SCHEMES AS PEDDLED

BY QADHAFFI IS REALISTIC SADAT CONTENTED, AND EFFECTIVE UNITY OF ARAB STATES CAN ONLY BE REALIZED THROUGH MOST CAREFUL STUDY AND PREPARATION.

8. I ASKED AMB MURTADA IF ANY ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS WERE MADE BY ABU DHABI TO EGYPT. HE REPLIED THAT SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE DURING EXPANDED MEETING, BUT HE HINTED THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN PRIME SUBJECT OF PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN ZAYID AND SADAT.

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